

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action dated 23 March 2005. Claims 1, 3-12, and 20-69 are currently pending in the application, with claims 20-69 being allowed, claims 4-11 being objected to, and claims 1,3 and 12 being rejected. The examiner noted that claims 4-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have cancelled claims 3 and 5, without prejudice. In addition, applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of the cancelled claims 3 and 5. Claims 6 and 7 now depend from claim 1 instead of the cancelled claim 5. Furthermore, applicants have added claim 70. More specifically, claim 70 includes the limitations of the cancelled claims 3 and 4 along with the limitations of previously amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1,4, 6-12, and 20-70 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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